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The humble *Address* of the Rt. Hon. the Lords Spiritual and Temporal in Parliament assembled.

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Most Gracious Sovereign,

WE Your Majesty's most Dutiful and Loyal Subjects, the Lords Spiritual and Temporal in Parliament assembled, do beg leave to return the humble Thanks of this House for Your Majesty's most Gracious Speech from the Throne.

We humbly congratulate Your Majesty upon Your safe and happy Arrival in this Kingdom, and are deeply sensible that nothing could in any degree alleviate the Loss we must ever suffer by Your Majesty's Absence from us, but the prudent and happy Administration of the Government by the Queen, in the most critical Conjuncture of Affairs, under Your Majesty's Authority, and by your great Example.

We want Words to express our Joy and Gratitude in congratulating Your Majesty on Your having concluded an absolute Peace with the Crown of Spain; and when we reflect upon the tender and anxious Concern Your Majesty hath shewn, during the whole Course of the late uncertain State of Affairs in Europe, we cannot but look upon this happy Event, as a publick Reward from Heaven for Your Majesty's Love of Your People.

The earnest Desire of Your Majesty to prevent the Miseries and Confusions unavoidable in War, (the Events of which are far removed from all human Foresight, even under the Conduct of the greatest Princes) and at the same time your Steadiness and Resolution in continuing the necessary Preparations, joined with a perfect Union and mutual Fidelity between Your Majesty and Your Allies, have at last surmounted all Difficulties that stood in the way of our Happiness.

An Alliance built upon the Foundation of former Treaties, and rendring more effectual what the contracting Powers in the Quadruple Alliance were before obliged to perform, the confirming all former Conventions made with Spain in favour of our Trade; the stipulating a just and ample Restitution and Reparation for unlawful Seizures and Depredations, and in general, the Re-establishment and Guaranty of all Rights, Privileges and Possessions, in any manner belonging to Your Majesty, or Your Allies, without any Concession being made to the Prejudice of Your Majesty, or Your Subjects, are Conditions entirely agreeable to the true Interest of Great Britain, equal even to those we might have expected after a prosperous War, as the Fruits of Victories, if Your Majesty's unwearied Labours for Peace had been unsuccessful.

We have the greatest Reason to believe, that a general Pacification will be the Consequence of this happy Beginning; for Your Majesty having no Ambition but to defend the Honour and Rights of this Nation, to see our Trade flourish, and to reign over a happy and willing People, is ever averse to War: And on the other Side, so just a Cause, supported by the united Strength of so many considerable Allies, joined in Interest for the Tranquillity of Europe, will incline other Powers to Peace. This, we hope, will produce an universal Approbation of the present Engagements. But as Your Majesty's first Care hath been to consult the immediate Interests of these Your Kingdoms, preferable to any other Considerations, and at the Hazard of all other Events; if, contrary to Expectation and in Resentment of these Measures, any new Troubles should be raised in Europe, to oppose or disappoint the Execution of them, the same Justice, Gratitude and Honour, which have hitherto influenced us, must make us exert ourselves to the utmost, to support and assist Your Majesty.

Your Majesty, by the immediate Reduction of a great Number of Your Land Forces, and the laying up a great Part of the Fleet, hath shewed how unwilling You were to suffer any Time to interveen between the Conclusion of a Peace, and letting Your Subjects see the happy Effects of it. This lays the strongest Obligation upon us to place the greater Trust and Confidence in Your Majesty, when we find by Experience, that our military Preparations are made only, when the public Necessities call upon Your Majesty to defend Your Kingdoms, and are

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laid aſide the very Inſtant our Safety will admit of it.

The Unanimity among ourſelves, which Your Majeſty is graciouſly pleaſed to recommend to us, is one of the leaſt Returns we ought to make for theſe Bleſſings procur'd for us: Your Majeſty hath completed the Wiſhes of all Your good Subjects, and the Deſpair of the Bad; You have obviated all the groundleſs Cavils and Clamours which even Malice itſelf could invent: So that the Inſinuations of any inconſiderable remnant of faction which may yet be in Being, will have as little Appearance of Veracity Abroad, as of Duty, Loyalty, or Love of their Country, at Home, and will ſerve only to excite us all to act with the greateſt Zeal and Harmony, ſo as to make Your Government as eaſy and happy for Your Majeſty, as it is for us.

The Humble ADDRESS of the Houſe of Commons to the KING.

Moſt Gracious Sovereign,

WE Your Majeſty's moſt Dutiful and Loyal Subjects, the Commons of Great Britain, in Parliament aſſembled, Return Your Majeſty Our moſt humble Thanks, for Your moſt Gracious Speech from the Throne.

We cannot omit taking this firſt Opportunity to congratulate Your Majeſty upon Your happy Return into theſe Kingdoms: The juſt and Prudent Adminiſtration of the Government during Your Majeſty's Abſence, by the Queen, Your Royal Conſort, Ruling by Your Authority, and Governing by Your Example, could alone compenſate for the Want of Your Royal Preſence, and auſpicious Influence among us.

The welcome News of Your Majeſty's having concluded an Abſolute Peace with the Crown of Spain, effected by a perfect Union, Harmony and Fidelity between Your Majeſty and Your Allies, filled the Hearts of all Your good People, with inexpreſſible Joy and Satisfaction; and we ſhould be wanting in Duty to Your Majeſty, in Juſtice to our Selves, and not anſwer the Expectations of thoſe we Repreſent, if we did not approach Your Majeſty upon this happy Occaſion, with Hearts full of Duty and Gratitude, and with the ſtrongeſt Acknowledgments of Your Majeſty's Goodneſs, Wiſdom and Reſolution: Your Wiſdom and Reſolution in not ſuffering Your Self to be diverted by any falſe and malicious Clamours and Inſinuations, from ſteadily purſuing the Great and Deſirable Work of Giving Peace to Your People; Your Goodneſs, in conſulting the immediate Intereſts of theſe Your Kingdoms, preferable to all other Conſiderations, and at the Hazard of all other Events.

This muſt convince the World of Your Majeſty's paternal Care, and tender Regard for Your Britiſh Dominions, when we ſee all former Treaties made in Favour of our Trade and Commerce, and for the Security of the Rights, Privileges and Poſſeſſions belonging to Your Majeſty renewed and confirmed; when we ſee the Crown of Spain under new and freſh Obligations to Your Majeſty, not only to permit to Your Subjects a free and uninterrupted Exerciſe of their Trade and Commerce for the future, but to make juſt and ample Reſtitution and Reparation for all former unlawful Seizures and Depredations.

The Extenſion of former Engagements, without any material Alterations in the principal Articles, from the Purport and Intentions of former Treaties, in order to obtain theſe great and truly valuable Advantages, without one Conceſſion made to the Prejudice of Your Majeſty, or Your Subjects, is a Conſideration that to reject, had been loſing the faireſt Opportunity to recover the ancient Freedom and Liberty of Trade and Commerce to theſe Kingdoms, and not faithfully to fulfil and execute what is ſtipulated on Your Majeſty's Part, to ſecure a reciprocal Performance from Your Majeſty's Allies of the Engagements they have entred into, would be abandoning the particular Intereſts and Properties of Your Majeſty's trading Subjects, and to expoſe the Trade and Commerce of this Nation to all the Hazards and Uncertainties which they have ſo long laboured under.

Theſe Bleſſings ſecured to us, will ſufficiently compenſate all Inconveniencies that can attend the Performance of Your Majeſty's Engagements: And as it is juſtly to be preſumed, that a general Pacification and Tranquillity in Europe, will be the Conſequence of the preſent Treaty, the Proſpect of ſeeing this ſoon complete and perfected, adds greatly to our Satisfaction.

But if contrary to Expectation, and in Reſentment to Your Majeſty's juſt and prudent Meaſures, any new Troubles ſhould be raiſed in Europe, to oppoſe or diſappoint the Execution of the preſent Engagements, we think our ſelves obliged by the ſtrongeſt Ties of Duty, Affection and Gratitude, to aſſure your Majeſty that we will ſtand by and ſupport Your Majeſty againſt all Inſults and Indignities that ſhall be offered to your Majeſty, and that we will enable you to make good Your Engagements with your Allies.

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The immediate Reduction of so considerable a Part of Your Forces by Sea and Land, upon the first Notice of the Confirmation of the Peace, is another Instance of Your Majesty's Care and Attention to the Ease and Welfare of Your People: And the recommending to our Consideration the State of the Sinking Fund, in so gracious and condescending a Manner, obliges us to proceed with all possible Caution and Prudence in an Affair of that Nicety and Importance, where the earlier Discharge of the National Debt, on one Hand, and the Hardships of the poor Artificers and Manufacturers, on the other, require the greatest Regard, and deserve the most mature Deliberation.

From a due Sense of these many Proofs of Your Majesty's unwearied Endeavours to consult the Happiness of Your People, we think our selves obliged to assure Your Majesty, that this House will, by the best and most easy Methods, effectually raise the necessary Supplies for the Service of the current Year; and by a proper Zeal and Concern for the Honour of Your Majesty, the publick Tranquillity, and the Good of Your People, defeat the vain Expectation of such ill designing Persons, who may flatter themselves with the Hopes of being able, by groundless Insinuations, Cavils and Clamours, to shake the Steadiness of those Powers who are already Allies to Your Majesty, or to hinder others from becoming so.

Wye's Letter verbatim, London, Jan. 17.
No Foreign Mails this Post.

'WE cannot yet learn, that the Emperor's final Answer to the Invitations made him to accede to the Treaty of Seville, is as yet arrived here, but daily expected: For, according to what some Accounts give us the *Private* Articles of this Treaty, 'the same is to be put in Execution by the '9th of May; so that the Emperor has but a short 'Time to declare himself upon the principal Business of the said Treaty, viz. the transporting '6000 Spanish Troops to garison Leghorn, Porto 'Ferraio, Parma & Placentia. The Emperor thinks 'it dishonourable to have Conditions forc'd upon 'him, but has promised to give a Definitive Answer in a short Time. Whether he will be punctual or not, or whatever may be the Result of 'the Germanic Councils, Spain will suffer no Disappointment, and are preparing an Embarkation 'of 30 Battallions and 30 Squadrons, making in all '35,000 Men, to be joined by 8 Men of War and '6 Galleys, with 3000 Land Forces of the Crown 'of France, beside the Quotas of the other Allies. 'So that we are now sure Things cannot be long 'held in Suspence; for if this Project is not finish'ed by the Time prescribed, the main Design of 'this Treaty will be in a manner frustrated.

'There is another private Article, by which the 'English S. S. Company is at liberty to supply the 'Fair at Porto Bello in New Spain with European Commodities, of which the usual Tax will be 'taken off; and they undertake to supply the Markets at 10 per Cent. cheaper than the common 'Price; the Goods to be delivered per Advance, 'and the Money to be paid at four Payments. Perhaps this may be done to make the Company 'some Satisfaction for their Losses during the late 'Rupture. One thing is remarkable, that there 'is no Mention made of Gibraltar and Portmahon 'in either publick or private Articles.

'Tis given out, that several Ships of War will be shortly put in Commission. A Vessel is arrived in the River from Bilboa; the Commander, whose Name is Jeffrey, gives Account, that the Duke of Wharton was gone thence to Catalonia, to take on him his Post in the Spanish Army: From whence, some imagined he was to serve in the Expedition to Italy in favour of Don Carlos.

His Majesty, in answer to the Commons Address, was most graciously pleased to declare, That the Assurances they had given him, to enable him to make good his Engagements, would greatly contribute toward settling the general Pacification of Europe; and that the Confidence they had reposed in him, should be made use of for preserving the Tranquillity of his People, and in Vindication of his Honour and Dignity. Yesterday the Lords, by reason, as we hear, that Tuesday next is the Anniversary of the Birth of his R. Highness the Prince of Wales, deferred the Consideration of the Treaty of Peace, &c. concluded with Spain, to Tuesday the 27th Inst. Received several Appeals from the Courts of England and Ireland, likewise two Petitions from private Bills. The Bishop of Landaff took the Oaths, and then the House adjourned to Monday. 'Tis said a Duty of 5 sh. will be laid on every Pack of Cards, and a Guinea on every Pair of Dice; which, if true, will be a Service to great Numbers of his Majesty's Subjects of the low Rank, whose Families have been often miserably reduc'd by excessive Gaming.

This Day Everet, who lately kept the Taphouse of the Fleet Prison, and was assistant to Bambrige in his Cruelties, was tried for a Robbery on the Highway, and convicted.

This Evening about 6, a Fire broke out at Mr. Wynard's, a Distiller at the Corner of Featherston Court, Holburn, and burnt with such Violence that the Still house and greatest Part of the Dwelling-house were consum'd; occasioned by the Head of the Still flying off.

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Edinburgh, Jan. The Verdict of the Jury in the Case of Campbell the Robber, finds the haill Crimes libelled in the Indictment, fully proven. And Yesterday he was sentenced to be hanged in the Grass Market the 25th of next Month. The Prudence, and cautious Method of Proceeding in the several Steps of this Affair by our Chief Magistrate, is here universally applauded.

This Day (being the 15th of the Moon) 'tis High Water at Leith at 1, 39 Min. Tomorrow, at 2, 18 Min. On Saturday, at 3, 6 Min.

†¶† The voluntary Roup and Sale of GRANGE DURIE's Interest, above Burntisland, formerly adverti-sed, is prorogued to the Fifth of February, then to be put up peremptorly in John's Coffee-house, betwixt 2 and 4 in the Afternoon. The Progress and Conditions of Roup are to be seen in the Hands of ALEXANDER MITCHELL of that Ilk, Writer to the Signet, at his Lodgings in the Lawn-market.

The Bleaching Company at DALQHURN, *near Dumbarton, hereby give Notice,*

That they have fully whitened all the Linen-cloth given in to be bleached by em this last Season; which being returned to the Owners, has given general Satisfaction to the Country.—— Their Undertaking is now in such Forwardness, that this Season they will be able to whiten, with the greatest Ease, a very considerable Quantity of Cloth; and for that End, they are resolved to begin as soon as the Weather will permit, which probably will be about the Beginning of April.—— Therefore 'tis desired that all Persons who incline to have their Cloth whitened at this Field, would send it in as soon as possible to JAMES MACGHIE, at his Shop in the Head of the West-bow, Edinburgh, or to LAURENCE SCOT, Merchant in Glasgow, at his House in the Tron-gate: Where Attendance will be given every lawful Day to receive the same.—— The Prices of Bleaching to be the same as the last Season, viz. 6 Pence per Yard, for all Cloth Yard-broad of the Value of 3 Shillings, or above it, when whitened; and all Cloth Yard-broad below the foresaid Value, to pay 5 Pence per Yard: All other Cloth to pay a proportionable Part of the foresaid Rates, according to the Breadth.—— Receipts will be given for each Piece of Cloth, with the Date and Number of the Piece, as it stands in the Company's Book, to the Bearer whereof the Cloth will be delivered when whitened.—— And 'tis desir'd, that every Piece of Cloth be distinctly marked with the Proprietor's Name at Length, stitch'd in the Cloth with Linen Thread, and not with Silk, which is apt to bleach out.

¶¶ The last General Meeting of the DONORS to the Hospital for SICK POOR, having settled the Rules for the Management thereof, did adjourn the Election of MANAGERS to another General Meeting of Donors, which they authorized the Committee to call, and intimate for that Effect: And accordingly the said Meeting of Donors is appointed to be held on Monday next the 26th Inst. at 3 o'clock after Noon, in the Burrow-room, in order to elect Managers for this current Year. All Subscribers for Donations who have not yet paid, are earnestly intreated to pay the same, that they may be entitled to vote, and that the Stock may be settled at Interest, for defraying the Charges of the Hospital, which is already considerable.

¶†¶ That Part of the Lands of FONTSHIELS, in the Parish of Livingston and Sheriffdom of Linlithgow, 12 Miles [illegible] Thomas Dunham with two Dozen of Poultry, (the Tenants, conform to their Tacks, being obliged to pay the Cess and Minister's Stipend) holding Taxtward of the Crown: Is to be exposed to voluntar Roup, upon Wednesday the Fourth of February next, 'twixt 3 & 4 in the Afternoon, in the House of Robert Broun Vintner at the *Spread Eagle*, South-side of the Lawn-market. The Progress of Writs, Rental and Conditions of Sale, are to be seen in the Hands of James Ranken Writer, at his House, 2d Door first Turnpike of the Close immediately below the said Robert Brown's House.

¶ That there are several ROOMS of LAND, with convenient *Steedings* built thereon, of greater and smaller Extent, either to be *feued*, or *sette in long Tacks*, in the Barony of Kerse, lying about a Mile from, and within the Parish of Falkirk, and Sheriffdom of Stirling. The Progress, and Conditions of the Feus, are to be seen in the Hands of THOMAS ELIOT Writer, at the Insurance-Office in Edinburgh; or JOHN HAY of Candie, at his House near Borrostounness; or at the House of Kerse.

*†¶ That the Great STONE-HOUSE or LODGING situate by itself upon the North side of the Canongate, a little below Morocco's Land, entring from the Street thro' a Plainstone Area belonging to it; formerly possess'd by Mr. Hay of Drummelzior for several Years past; consisting of three Storeys and Garrets: The first containing Kitchen, Cellars and Brewhouse; the 2d, three Fire-rooms and Waiting-room; the 3d, three Fire-rooms, with Closets and Waiting-room, &c. besides the Garrets Fire-rooms; with a little Garden upon the North, a Draw-well, and several other Conveniencies: ARE to be exposed to Sale. The Progress of Writs and Conditions of Sale, to be seen in the Hands of Mr. William Robertson Writer in Edinburgh, at his House in the Assembly-close.

¶¶¶ That the Lands and Barony of MARJORIBANKS (*alias* WEST-CALDER) holding Blanche of the Crown; comprehending the Lands of Gavieside, Brotherton, Killingdean and Blackmyre; extending in Money-Rent yearly to *L.* 333 e6 80, and 42 Bolls Victual, besides Casualities, and a Mansionhouse and double Dovecoat. Item, the Lands of Cloven-Foordsyke, Breechmill and Cleughead, and South and West-Fields thereof; extending in Money Rent yearly to *L.* 627 13 04, and 38 Bolls Victual, besides Casualities. Item, the Lands of Sclaitheugh, Heughead, Broomhill and Sandilane; extending in Money-Rent yearly to *L.* 409 e6 08, besides Casualities. Item, the Lands of Easter and Wester Torphins, Kipside and Kiprig; extending in Money-Rent yearly to *L.* 644 06 08, besides Casualities. Item, the Lands of Crosswoodhill, Toothills, Blackhill, and South and North Cobingshaws; extending in Money Rent yearly to *L.* 883 06 08, besides Casualities; extending in haill, both Money-Rent and Victual, at *L.* 100 the Chalder, to *L.* 3398; together with the Patronage of the Parish of West-Calder, and the Feu-duties of the Town of West-Calder, and several other Feu-duties in and about the said Town, extending to about *L.* 100; all lying within the Parish of West-Calder and Sheriffdom of Edinburgh: ARE to be exposed to a publick voluntar Roup and Sale, upon Monday the Second of February next, in the House of Robert Brown Vintner in Edinburgh, betwixt the Hours of 3 & 4 in the Afternoon, either in Wholesale, or as mentioned in the Parcels above. As also the Lands of BYERS lying in the Parish of Bathgate and Sheriffdom of Linlithgow, holding Feu of the Crown for Payment of eight Merks yearly; and extending in Money-Rent yearly to *L.* 530 13 04 and of Victual, 11 Bolls 2 Firlots, besides Casualities. The Progress of the Writs, Rental of the Lands, and Conditions of the Roup, are to be seen in the Hands of Mr. William Robertson Writer in Edinburgh, at his House in the Assembly close.